

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-28 were pending in this application. Claims 1-28 were rejected in the Office Action dated 25 March 2005. In addition, the Examiner identified the omission of an Abstract. By way of this amendment, claims 1, 19, 13, 14, 16, and 24-28 are amended; claims 9, 11, 12, 19 and 21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 29 and 30 are added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examiner of the application in view of the amendments provided above and the remarks provided below.

As requested by the Examiner, an abstract is provided herewith.

With regard to the objections under paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Official Action, the acronym LDAP has been expanded in the relevant claims 29 and 30.

With regard to the objections under paragraph 9 of the Official Action, claims 25-27 have been amended to claim statutory subject matter.

With regard to the objections under paragraphs 10 to 15 of the Official Action, claims 9, 11, 12, 19, and 21 have been canceled and new claims 29 and 30 have been submitted based on the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Concerning the objections in the light of the new claims, it is acknowledged that the Light Weight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) as such was known prior to the invention. Further US patent 6418446 (“Lection”) may be understood to suggest the translation of LDAP information into a specific XML format in the context of facilitating data requests for data stored in variable data format. Lection teaches methods to handle the access to data with variable and changing data format. Lection does not teach the web-publishing of information as XML is a data format that requires some form of further processing (“parsing”) to be web-publishable (e.g. as HTML file). Hence, neither of the cited references whether alone or in combination discloses all limitation of claims 29 or 30.

In particular, the use of the LDAP directory server information for defining and limiting the rights of authors and readers in web based publishing system is not disclosed. Furthermore, it is not disclosed or suggested to transmit from a client computer to a file server pointers to one or more files on the network file server and directory files on the LDAP directory server. In addition, it is not disclosed or suggested to convert the directory content into web-publishable information and including the web-publishable information as part of the requested files displayed on the client computer for editing further parts of the files.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that the present application is in proper condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly requested. If the Examiner is contemplating any action other than allowance of all pending claims, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's representative, Jody Lynn DeStefanis, at (203) 431-5505.

In the event that a fee or refund is due in connection with this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 19-0615.

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